IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1-33, as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~recording~~ printing system in which an image supply device and a ~~recording~~ printing apparatus directly communicate with each other, and data is supplied from said image supply device to said ~~recording~~ printing apparatus to attain a ~~recording~~ printing process, wherein

said image supply device comprises:

an interface adapted to connect with a storage medium which stores an image ~~data~~ file and [[a]] first ~~recording~~ printing condition data associated with a ~~recording~~ printing process of the image ~~data~~ file, wherein the first printing condition data is stored independently of the image file;

acquisition means for acquiring information associated with a print function of said ~~recording~~ printing apparatus by communicating with said ~~recording~~ printing apparatus;

setting means for setting [[a]] second ~~recording~~ printing condition data associated with the ~~recording~~ printing process of the image ~~data~~ file on the basis of the information associated with the print function, which is acquired by said acquisition means; and

~~recording~~ printing instruction means for issuing a ~~recording~~ printing instruction to said ~~recording~~ printing apparatus on the basis of the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data, and

said ~~recording~~ printing apparatus comprises:

~~recording~~ printing control means for controlling to acquire the image ~~data~~ file stored in said storage medium in accordance with the ~~recording conditions designated~~ printing instruction issued by said ~~recording~~ printing instruction means and to ~~record~~ print the image ~~data~~ file.

2. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said image supply device further comprises selection means for selecting one of the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data to be preferentially used to issue ~~a recording~~ the printing instruction to said ~~recording~~ printing apparatus.

3. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said image supply device further comprises:

comparison means for comparing the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data; and

~~recording~~ printing condition selection means for, ~~when~~ in a case where it is determined as a result of comparison by said comparison means that the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data are different from each other, selecting one of the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data.

4. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said image supply device further comprises:

comparison means for comparing the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data; and

warning display means for, ~~when~~ in a case where it is determined as a result of comparison by said comparison means that the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data are different from each other, displaying a warning.

5. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data is designated by a DPOF.

6. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 5, wherein said image supply device comprises input means for inputting the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data, and means for generating the DPOF on the basis of information input by said input means.

7. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said ~~recording~~ printing instruction means generates a command sequence for the second ~~recording~~ printing condition data, which includes the image ~~data~~ file selected by the first ~~recording~~ printing condition ~~in~~ data within a range of the second ~~recording~~ printing condition data.

8. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the second ~~recording~~ printing condition [[is]] data defines a ~~recording~~ printing condition based on a common protocol between said image supply device and said ~~recording~~ printing apparatus.

9. (Currently Amended) An image supply device comprising:

an interface adapted to connect with a storage medium for storing an image ~~data~~ file and [[a]] first ~~recording~~ printing condition data associated with a ~~recording~~ printing process of the image ~~data~~ file, wherein the first printing condition is stored independently of the image file;

acquisition means for acquiring information associated with a print function of a ~~recording~~ printing apparatus by communicating with the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus;

setting means for setting [[a]] second ~~recording~~ printing condition data associated with the ~~recording~~ printing process of the image ~~data~~ file on the basis of the information associated with the print function, which is acquired by said acquisition means; and

~~recording~~ printing instruction means for issuing a ~~recording~~ printing instruction to the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus on the basis of the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data.

10. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 9, further comprising selection means for selecting one of the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data to be preferentially used to issue ~~a recording~~ the printing instruction to said ~~recording~~ printing apparatus.

11. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 9, further comprising comparison means for comparing the first and second ~~recording conditions.~~ printing condition

data, and ~~recording~~ printing condition selection means for, ~~when~~ in a case where it is determined as a result of comparison by said comparison means that the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data are different from each other, selecting one of the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data.

12. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 9, further comprising comparison means for comparing the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data, and warning display means for, ~~when~~ in a case where it is determined as a result of comparison by said comparison means that the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data are different from each other, displaying a warning.

13. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 9, wherein the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data is designated by a DPOF.

14. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 13, further comprising input means for inputting the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data, and means for generating the DPOF on the basis of ~~information~~ the first printing condition data input by said input means.

15. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 9, wherein said ~~recording~~ printing instruction means generates a command sequence for the second ~~recording~~ printing

condition data, which includes the image ~~data~~ file selected by the first ~~recording~~ printing condition [[in]] data within a range of the second ~~recording~~ printing condition data.

16. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 9, wherein the second ~~recording~~ printing condition [[is]] data defines a ~~recording~~ printing condition based on a common protocol between said image supply device and the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus.

17. (Currently Amended) A ~~recording~~ printing control method for ~~recording~~ printing by directly communicating an image supply device and a ~~recording~~ printing apparatus, and supplying data from the image supply device to the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus, comprising:

a storage step of storing an image ~~data~~ file and [[a]] first ~~recording~~ printing condition data associated with a ~~recording~~ printing process of the image ~~data in a storage medium~~ file, wherein the first printing condition data is stored independently of the image file;

an acquisition step of acquiring information associated with a print function of the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus by communicating with the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus;

a setting step of setting [[a]] second ~~recording~~ printing condition data associated with the ~~recording~~ printing process of the image ~~data~~ file on the basis of the information associated with the print function, which is acquired in ~~the~~ said acquisition step;

a ~~recording~~ printing instruction step of issuing a ~~recording~~ printing instruction to the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus on the basis of the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data stored

in the storage medium in ~~the~~ said storage step, and the second ~~recording~~ printing condition data; and

a ~~recording~~ printing control step of controlling to acquire the image ~~data~~ file stored in the storage medium in accordance with the ~~recording conditions designated~~ printing instruction issued in ~~the recording~~ said printing instruction step and to ~~record~~ print the image ~~data~~ file.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, further comprising a selection step of selecting one of the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data to be preferentially used to issue a ~~recording~~ printing instruction to the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, further comprising a comparison step of comparing the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data; and a ~~recording~~ printing condition selection step of selecting, ~~when~~ in a case where it is determined as a result of comparison in ~~the~~ said comparison step that the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data are different from each other, one of the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, further comprising a comparison step of comparing the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data,

and a warning display step of displaying, ~~when~~ in a case where it is determined as a result of comparison in ~~the~~ said comparison step that the first and second ~~recording conditions~~ printing condition data are different from each other, a warning.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data is designated by a DPOF.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, further comprising an input step of inputting the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data, and a step of generating the DPOF on the basis of ~~information~~ the first printing condition data input in ~~the~~ said input step.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein said ~~the recording~~ printing instruction step includes a step of generating a command sequence for the second ~~recording~~ printing condition data, which includes the image ~~data~~ file selected by the first ~~recording~~ printing condition [[in]] data within the second ~~recording~~ printing condition data.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein the second ~~recording~~ printing condition [[is]] data defines a ~~recording~~ printing condition based on a common protocol between the image supply device and the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus.

25. (Currently Amended) An image supply device comprising:

an interface adapted to connect with a storage medium which stores an image ~~data~~ file and [[a]] first ~~recording~~ printing condition data associated with a ~~recording~~ printing process of the image ~~data~~ file, wherein the first printing condition data is stored independently of the image file;

acquisition means for acquiring capability information associated with a print function of a ~~recording~~ printing apparatus by communicating with the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus;

setting means for setting [[a]] second ~~recording~~ printing condition data associated with the ~~recording~~ printing process of the image ~~data~~ file on the basis of the capability information associated with the print function, which is acquired by said acquisition means; and

transmission means for transmitting the second ~~recording~~ printing condition data including information for designating the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data to the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus.

26. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 25, wherein the information for designating the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data designates a DPOF file.

27. (Currently Amended) A ~~recording~~ printing apparatus comprising:

transmission means for transmitting capability information relating to ~~the~~ print functions of the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus to an image supply device; and

reception means for receiving information to designate [[a]] first ~~recording~~ printing condition ~~which~~ data associated with a printing process of an image file, wherein the first printing condition data is stored independently of the image file in the image supply device ~~has~~, wherein the information is designated by [[a]] second ~~recording~~ printing condition data in accordance with the capability information relating to the print functions of the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus,

wherein the information to designate the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data is described as an image ~~data~~ file to be ~~recorded~~ printed in accordance with the second ~~recording~~ printing condition data.

28. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data is a DPOF file.

29. (Currently Amended) A control method of an image supply device comprising:

a reading step of reading an image ~~data~~ file via an interface from a storage medium which stores the image ~~data~~ file and [[a]] first ~~recording~~ printing condition data associated with a ~~recording~~ printing process of the image ~~data~~ file, wherein the first printing condition data is stored independently of the image file;

an acquisition step of acquiring capability information associated with a print function of a ~~recording~~ printing apparatus by communicating with the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus;

a setting step of setting [[a]] second ~~recording~~ printing condition data associated with the ~~recording~~ printing process of the image ~~data~~ file on the basis of the capability information associated with the print function, which is acquired in said acquisition step; and

a transmission step of transmitting the second ~~recording~~ printing condition data including information for designating the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data to the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus.

30. (Currently Amended) A control method of a ~~recording~~ printing apparatus, comprising:

a transmission step of transmitting capability information relating to ~~the~~ print functions of the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus to an image supply device; and

a reception step of receiving information to designate [[a]] first ~~recording~~ printing condition ~~which~~ data associated with a printing process of an image file, wherein the first printing condition data is stored independently of the image file in the image supply device ~~has~~, wherein the information is designated by [[a]] second ~~recording~~ printing condition data set in the image supply device, in accordance with the capability information relating to the print functions of the ~~recording~~ printing apparatus,

wherein the information to designate the first ~~recording~~ printing condition data is described as the image ~~data~~ file to be ~~recorded~~ printed in a range of the second ~~recording~~ printing condition data.

31. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium ~~capable of being read by a computer, for storing~~ encoded with a computer program for implementing a ~~recording~~ printing control method ~~according to~~ of claim 17.

32. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium ~~capable of being read by a computer, for storing~~ encoded with a computer program for implementing a printing control method ~~according to~~ of claim 29.

33. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium ~~capable of being read by a computer, for storing~~ encoded with a computer program for implementing a printing control method ~~according to~~ of claim 30.